

Oconee County Library Board

January 16, 1984 10 AM

Oconee County Library

Presiding: Wanda Langley

Attending: Langley, Rice, Christopher, Dawson, Hardigree,
Wiley, Budd, Wells, Grayson, Jey, Ames
Austin, Brown.

The Oconee County Library Board met on January 16, 1984 for its quarterly meeting at 10 AM. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the general fund of \$543.31 and in the map fund of \$775.00 and a saving certificate of \$1000.00 making a total of \$2,318.41.

Mrs. Billie Brown reported things were running smoothly with the observance of National Children's Book Week in November, a children's Christmas workshop and an adult Christmas Open House. 17 new families joined the library in the last 3 weeks. Gifts to the library included three books by Lester Langley, \$100. for books for the day collection by Patter Day and \$100.00 by Mr. Donald Palsgaard.

Mrs. Kathy Ames reported that both the library in Watkinsville and Bogart have been very busy. All the schoolchildren from preschool through 4th grade were shown Christmas films. Circulation has increased in Bogart.

Miss Roxanna Austin reported on The Georgia Library Association meeting in October which Billie Brown also attended. Miss Austin told of The Governor's Reduction of Book Funds of \$8,000. and of House Bill #840 on The proposed revision of law concerning libraries and The Regional Library systems. She asked the board members to be in touch with our state legislators about matters concerning libraries.

Under the unfinished business, Mrs. Langley reported on the status of the maintenance contract for the library. Mrs. Langley and

Mrs. Brown wrote a job description for the maintenance work needed at the library, and this job description was presented to the Oconee County Board of Commissioners. The commissioners have hired an outside firm to do the work, but a written contract has not been signed. Mrs. Langley will be meeting this month to work out the details of the contract.

Mrs. Langley welcomed Mrs. Linkey Budd as a new member of the Library Board.

A book, Gate of Fire by Chamblin, an adult fiction book, was challenged by a patron in December. The patron filled out a complaint form. Mrs. Langley appointed a book review committee of Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Langley to review the book. On the basis of the criteria of the Athens Regional Library Book selection policy, the committee unanimously recommended to the library board that the book, Gate of Fire, remain on the library shelves. A motion was made by Mrs. Wiley and seconded by Mrs. Budd that the vote be conducted by secret ballot. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mrs. Budd and seconded by Mrs. Joy to accept the Book review committee's recommendation that the challenged book, Gate of Fire, remain on the library shelves. By a vote of 8 yes & 2 no the motion carried.

There was a discussion of the need for more part-time and/or full-time help in the library for Mrs. Brown. April is ^{the} time for budgets. By common consent it was decided to hold a reception for the members of our 4 funding agencies (City Councils of Bogart and Watkinsville, Board of Education & Board of Commissioners) to express our appreciation ^{city of Bogart} for their support. Gayle Christopher will be chairman and ^{city of Bogart} Deane Wiley will serve on the committee to plan the reception on a Sunday afternoon with a tentative date of March 4, 1984 from 2-4 pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 pm.

Pattie Joy
Secretary

Oconee County Library Board

April 16, 1984 10am

Oconee County Library

Presiding: Wanda Langley

Attending: Langley, Dawson, Christopher, Wiley,
Grayson, Budd, Dry, Ames, Austin, B. Brown

The Oconee County Library Board met on April 16, 1984 for its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. The minutes were read and approved as corrected. There was no treasurer's report, but Mrs. Langley reported that there had not been any large expenditures.

Billie Brown reported that the Oconee County Library had been busy as usual. She has worked with several classes from preschool to immediate school. A two day firstaid course for DeKalb, & a C.P.R. course by St. Mary's are examples of some of the activities in the library. Mrs. Brown participated in the Oconee County Energy Fair and Career Day at the high school and attended a puppet workshop. Gifts received by the library include:

Nohlgren, a book by James Hansen family, The 1910 Census Index for Oconee & Clarke Counties by Bonita London, the 1910 Census Index of Fulton County by W. Law Ratterree, \$10.00 for Book Fund by Mary Morgan, \$100.00 for books on drug & alcohol abuse by The Citizens for Progressive Oconee County, & several new magazine subscriptions. The Girl Scout Troop #119 presented the library with a check for \$75.00, the proceeds of a fashion show, to be used for a complete puppet show, and The Watkinsville Woman's Club presented a check for \$400.00, the proceeds of their fashion - card party, to buy a projector and things.

There was a discussion of the need for a Public Relations Committee. However, action was delayed until a later meeting.

Kathy Ames reported that the theme of the Summer Reading Club would be "Race through Summer with Books." Oconee County had to send back \$882.00 from its Book Fund due to state cut backs. Roxanna Austin brought the Board up-to-date on legislative

matters. House Bill # 840 did pass and will bring about long needed revisions in the Library Regional systems. The Book Fund and M+O Funds were not increased. Miss Austin reported that the state paid public librarians were omitted from the 10% salary increase of school teachers and school librarians.

The Open House on March 4 for the officials of our funding agencies was a success with most of the County Commissioners and Board of Education members present, and some of Watkinsville city officials attended. The Open House committee of Gayle Christopher, chair & Betty Dawson and Diane Wiley and all board members were thanked by Mrs. Langley.

Under old business, a written contract for one year for maintenance of the inside and outside of the library was signed by the County Commissioners and a cleaning service.

A letter from the Georgia Council of Public Libraries was read urging all board members to contact their local legislators in support of the following recommendations for fiscal year 1986: 1) Salary and salary adjustments (public librarians should be on a par with school librarians) 2) 20¢ per capita increase in materials fund 3) 15¢ per capita increase on M+O funds. Mrs. Langley urged Board members to write Oconee's officials: Rep. Roy Lambert and Sen. Paul Brown before June.

By common consent it was agreed to reserve a book booth for the Fall Festival and make a final decision in July about whether to have a booth at Festival or a book sale in the library.

After a general discussion of the different options available to Oconee County in presenting FY 1985 Budget to our funding agencies, Mrs. Budd moved to present Option #1, the employment of a second full-time clerk, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Wiley. The motion carried. Miss Austin, Mrs. Langley and Mrs. Christopher will attend the budget meetings with the funding agencies. The future of the Bookmobile service in Oconee County was briefly discussed.

The next meeting will be July 16 at 10am. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

Pattie Day
Secretary

Oconee County Library Board
July 16, 1984 10am
Oconee County Library

Presiding: Wanda Langley

Attending: Langley, McLeary, Christopher, Wiley, Crayton,
Jury, Wells, Budd, Sanders, Ames, Austin

Excused: Hardiness, Dawson, Rice

The Oconee County Library Board met on July 16, 1984 for its quarterly meeting at 10am. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in the general fund of \$519.74, in the map fund of \$911.00 and a savings certificate of \$1000.00 making a total of \$2,430.74. Mrs Ames reported that approximately 500 children were enrolled in the Summer Reading Club in Walthamville. The regular summer activities of story hours and filmshowers have been popular. Mrs Ames also stated that Bogart had a larger Summer Reading Club than last year. The file cabinet and slide/tape projector given by The Walthamville Woman's Club are now in use.

Miss Austin reported that Dr. McDaniel has requested 10% increase for all state paid personnel. She thanked the board members for their letters and contacts with their legislators on the behalf of the libraries, and she urged the board to keep public library needs in front of our state legislators.

Mrs. Langley reported on the budget for 84-85. She thanked The Board of Education for funding our full request. However, The Commissioners did not fund the full request, but did grant an increase. The County Commissioners are renovating the exterior trim of the library which has made a great improvement in the appearance of the library.

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after a long discussion of how to make up the necessary funds to fund 30 hours of part-time help that the Board felt was needed to adequately man the library, Dianne Wiley moved and Carolyn McTear seconded That \$1073. ~~of~~ The Board's savings be used to fund the extra 10 hours of part-time help for the fiscal year of 1984-85. This amount will be paid in quarterly payments to The Athens Regional Library. Motion carried. Mrs. Ames stated that the library will be able to increase the hours open. Mrs. Budd moved and Mrs. Wells seconded that as of Sept. 1 the hours will be increased on Mon, Wed and Friday in order to open at 10am instead of 10:30. and that on Sat. and Sun. the hours will be from 2 to 6 pm instead of 2 to 5 pm. The motion carried.

The personnel committee of Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Christopher and Mrs. McTear ~~recommended that~~ ^{recommended that} the following persons be hired to fill 30 hours of part-time: Ava App for 20 hours and Jane McDonald for 10 hours. Mrs. Wells moved That These ladies be hired, seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Motion carried. The book booth at the Fall Festival was discussed. Mrs. Christopher moved that the Board have a used Book sale at the library in November at same time as the Watkinsville business Christmas Open House. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McTear and carried. Mrs. Christopher was appointed chairman of The Publicity Committee for Book sale. Mrs. Budd was asked to serve on this committee. A need for a new copying machine was dismissed as a goal for the Book Sale. Mrs. Langley appointed the Nominating Committee of Virginia Wells, chm., Lyle Grayson and Joyce Hardigree to bring a report to the Oct. meeting. Two board members' terms will expire in Dec. (Dawson & Jay) and a new slate of officers for a 2 year term will be elected.

Mrs. Langley announced that the next meeting will be on Oct. 15 at 10am. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Pattie Jay
Secretary

Oconee County Library Board

October 15, 1984, 10 A.M.

Oconee County Library

Presiding: Wanda Langley

Attending: Mildred Rice, Joyce Hardigree, Betty Dawson,
Caroline McLeary, Shirley Budd, Patti Jay,
Faye Grayson, Gayle Christopher, Roxanne Austin,
Kathy Ames, Billie Bracon. Excused: Wells, Wiley

The Oconee County Library Board met on Oct. 15, 1984 at 10am. for its quarterly meeting. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$1,038.92 in the general fund and \$940.00 in the map fund and a savings certificate of \$1000. making a total of \$2,978.92.

Miss Austin reported that, in the upcoming election, Amendment #8 applies to public libraries. Mrs Budd made a motion, seconded by Mrs Jay, to send a letter to The Oconee Enterprise endorsing the passage of Amendment #8. Motion carried. Miss Austin also reported that audio tapes for handicapped people will be coming to The library for distribution on the subject of the proposed amendments for vote on Nov. 6.

Mrs. Ames reported that Frances Burgess of the Bogart Library will be leaving at the first of the year to take another job. Mrs Langley will send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Burgess for her years of faithful service to the Bogart Library. Ava Arp has accepted another position. However, Sara Lewis has accepted Mrs. Arp's position. Mrs. Lewis was introduced to the Board. The Summer Reading Club was well received, and the fall program is off to a successful start.

Mrs. Langley thanked the Board for attending the Sept. Board of Commissioners meeting. Mrs. McLeary thanked Mrs. Langley

for her excellent presentation to the Commissioners that enabled the library to obtain the full amount of funding.

Mrs. Brown reported that 478 children joined the Summer Reading Club, and 327 got certificates. 176 different children attended the 8 workshops. The maintenance of the building was discussed with the heavy use of the building noted. Mrs. Brown expressed her appreciation for having 2 persons working in the library. The gift of books as memorials was discussed. A motion was made by Mrs. Budd and seconded by Mrs. Dawson to approve the proposal for purchasing a group of books for the public to select from as memorial/honor gifts to the library. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mrs. Hardigree and seconded by Mrs. Budd to rescind the action of July meeting to use the funds from the Library Board general fund for the payment of 16 hours of staff for year 1984-85. Motion carried.

Under new business, the report of nominating committee was chairman: , vice-chairman: Betty Dawson, Sec.: , treasurer: Virginia Wells. The report of the nominating committee was tabled until the Jan. meeting with the nominating committee to meet again. A motion by Gayle Christoffle and seconded by Mrs. McLeroy to nominate Betty Dawson and Patti Joy for new 5 year terms beginning Jan., 1985. Motion carried.

Members were asked to sign up for the committee assignment on a sheet that was passed. The November Book Sale was tabled until the January meeting. A constitution & bylaws committee was discussed by Miss Austin, and this committee was added to the standing committees list.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Patti Joy
Secretary